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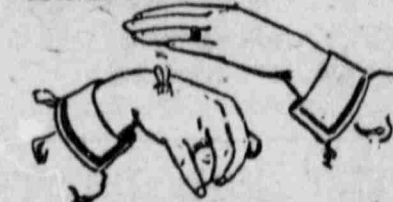
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MALARIA AND YELLOW JACK

(From N. Y. Herald, January 14, 1902.)
"The widow of Dr. Lescure, who, in the employ of the Government, went to Cuba, was inoculated with Yellow Fever through mosquito bites, and died, applied to Congress for relief to-day."
The above tells of the sad culmination of a series of experiments by the Government, all of which proved conclusively that the familiar mosquito is a dangerous vehicle for carrying Malaria, "Yellow Jack," and other malarial fevers.



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Punta Gorda, Fla.,
40-41 Oct. 6, 1902.

Attention, DeSoto Camp of Confederate Veterans!
You are requested to meet at the court house in Arcadia on Wednesday, the 29th day of October, 1902, at 10 a. m., for the purpose of reorganizing and perfecting plans for our attendance at the state reunion which meets in Tampa early in November.
A full attendance is earnestly requested. By order of
F. M. COOPER, J. W. WHILDEN,
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S. M. SPARKMAN AND H. S. PHILLIPS

CAME SATURDAY BUT DID NOT SPEAK—CORDIALLY RECEIVED.

Congressman Sparkman, accompanied by Col. H. S. Phillips, the nominee for state attorney, arrived here by boat from Fort Myers at 2:30 p. m. Saturday. As both gentlemen wished to leave on the 4 p. m. train to spend Sunday at their homes in Tampa, it was considered that the intervening time was too short for speaking. Besides this, a large number of people were so engaged in the stores at the time that they could not get out. Accordingly, by mutual consent, the time was spent in an informal talk between the two gentlemen and some fifteen or twenty representative citizens who had gathered on the dock to meet and welcome the speakers. Amongst these were Mayor Freeman, Gen. Gilchrist, Postmaster Mizell, Executive Committee member R. K. Seward, Mr. Jesse Sandlin, Capt. Chas. G. Davis and Will Johnson.

The conference was held in compliance with a resolution adopted at a citizens' meeting that took place previously in the town hall and which was presided over by Mr. R. K. Seward. The resolution embodied the wish of our people that Congressman Sparkman exert his valuable influence to get an appropriation of \$200,000 to secure a deep water channel from Boca Grande to the Punta Gorda dock line. On being informed of this, Mr. Sparkman expressed his cordial approval and manifested a very keen interest in the proposition. He gave the citizens some valuable advice as to how they should proceed to give his personal efforts the necessary moral support.

Quite a number of Mr. Sparkman's old friends were amongst the party that met him and he and they were mutually glad to greet one another. The conference, in short, proved very agreeable and satisfactory to all parties.

After it was over, Messrs. Sparkman and Phillips were taken in carriages to see the operations of the Consolidated Company, whose magnitude greatly impressed them. They had only a short while to inspect the buildings and the work being done, but in that time saw enough to convince them of the growing importance of Punta Gorda and the necessity for deep water. Both gentlemen showed great interest in our town and it is safe to say that they may be reckoned amongst the most loyal and valuable friends of Punta Gorda.

Upon their departure, a large number of citizens were at the train to bid them goodbye.

RICHARD WILLIAM VAUGHAN

The First English Bank Forger and the Story of His Fall.

The story of the first bank forger, Richard William Vaughan, is little known. Vaughan was the brother of a Stafford lawyer and became clerk to a solicitor in London. He wished to marry his master's daughter and promised to produce the sum of £1,000, which, he said, his mother would present to him. Half of it he was to settle on his wife. On these terms the father consented to the marriage, and Vaughan obtained a month's leave of absence. He occupied this period in obtaining engraved impressions in imitation of twenty pound Bank of England notes, which was not such a difficult matter then, such things as forged notes being unknown. With fifty of these sham notes he presented himself at the appointed time, and his fiancée accepted her share in perfect good faith, and the marriage preparations were proceeded with.

Unfortunately he wanted ready money and put two of his own forged notes into circulation. They were challenged, when he became alarmed and tried to get back the notes he had given to the young lady, but she refused to yield them up, suspecting nothing of their true nature, and when Vaughan was arrested next day she would hardly believe even then that she had been deceived.

The forger was tried at the Old Bailey on the 7th of April, 1878, spending what was to have been his wedding day in the condemned cell. Four days later he was hanged at Tyburn.—London Standard.

Old Rules For Night Policemen.
Old Boston is vividly brought to mind by the following excerpt from the selectmen's minutes, dated Nov. 1, 1790, containing instructions to watchmen:

"In going the rounds care must be taken that the watchmen are not noisy, but behave themselves with strict decorum, that they frequently give the time of the night and what the weather is with a distinct but moderate voice, excepting at times when it is necessary to pass in silence in order to detect and secure persons that are out on unlawful actions."

"You and your division must endeavor to suppress all riots, and other disorders that may be committed in the night and secure such persons as may be guilty, that proper steps may be taken next morning for a prosecution as the law directs. We absolutely forbid your taking private satisfaction or any bribe that may be offered you to let such go or to conceal their offense from the selectmen."

NOT SATISFACTORY.

Several weeks ago this paper contained a communication giving in detail the causes which have put our supreme court five years behind in its work. This Herald accepted the explanation, but the Tampa Herald rejects it as not being satisfactory. That paper says:

"It was hoped that this explanation would throw some light on the question; but although nearly two columns in length, it failed to present a single reasonable or just excuse for the present congested condition of the court. The letter describes the system under which the court has been run for years, and claims that under this system, it is a matter of impossibility for three judges to do the work. The writer admits that the system is wrong, and says that it should be changed. Then why, in the name of common sense, haven't the justices changed the system before this? If the system of handling the cases coming before the supreme court is wrong, the members of the court are responsible for it, and deserve to be criticized for allowing such a system to continue."

DANGER IN POISON IVY.

How to Know the Plant—Simple Remedies If Affected by It.

"If one knows how the Rhus toxicodendron—that is the scientific name for poisonous ivy—looks, said a man of the woods, "he can avoid it with ease. It is sometimes a low shrub about a foot high, and it is also a graceful vine, with stout, hairy stems. This vine sends out horizontal branches. The bush and the vine do not look alike, but both have coarse toothed, oval pointed leaves. These are always three in a group, and the plant also bears small greenish white berries."

Poison oak, otherwise Rhus radicans, and poison sumac, or Rhus venicuta, are other plants to be avoided by visitors to the woods. The sumac has groups of four leaflets, oval pointed in form, arranged on a tapering stem. It differs from the real sumac in so far that its leaflets incline upward. In the autumn the foliage is a brilliant scarlet. The little berries look like grayish white grapes.

A good antidote for ivy poisoning in its first stages is a solution of ordinary baking soda. A bottle containing a pint of water and a heaping teaspoonful of baking soda is carried by many persons who take walks in the woods, for, while some people may handle the poison vines without danger, others are poisoned if they pass within twelve feet of them.—New York Tribune.

She Pitted His Disasters.
An artist who was making a sketching tour through a picturesque region of Connecticut chanced one day on a barn so alluring to his eye that he sat down on a stone wall and went to work at once.

He soon became conscious that he had lost or mislaid his rubber eraser, and as he wished to correct a slight error in the sketch he went up to the door and asked the farmer's wife if he might have a small piece of dry bread. This, as every artist knows, makes a good eraser.

The farmer's wife looked at him with an expression of pity not unminged with surprise.

"Dry bread?" she repeated. "Well, I guess you won't have to put up with any dry bread from me, young man. You come right into the kitchen with me, and I'll give you a thick slice of bread with butter on it."

"Now, don't say a word," she continued, raising her hand to ward off his expostulation. "I don't care how you like it. All I know is you're hungry, and that's enough for me. You shall have a good dinner."

The Nest of the Kingfisher.
Our American belted kingfisher, or common kingfisher, is an expert hole borer. There is scarcely a clayey bank along the streams of our middle and southern states but has its face cut by the door of one of these gloomy looking houses.

The hole is usually quite round and goes directly into the bank, with a slight upward slant to a distance of from two to four feet, where it turns nearly at right angles to one side or the other, ending in a large, jug shaped pocket, where the eggs are laid. The kingfisher is my most cheerful companion when I am out for a day's or a week's angling. It is an ever fresh delight to watch him swooping down into the clear brook water with a melodious plunge and coming forth sparkling like a flake from a blue sea wave or a fragment of turquoise. He rarely fails to catch the minnow he strikes at, but his appetite is unrelenting and insatiable. He eats from morning till night—Maurice Thompson.

Two Things That Scare a Negro.
Two seemingly harmless things excite the fear of the southern negro. One is the cracking of the finger joints; the other is to be stepped over as he lies prone upon the ground. The cracking of the finger joints seems to suggest to the negro imagination the threat of a skeleton's bones, while to be stepped over is regarded as likely to bring bad luck to grown folks and to check the growth of children. A half grown negro boy will sternly command a playfellow who has stepped over his body to step back in order that the spell may be removed.

If some men would reflect more, they would be brighter; if some women were brighter, they would reflect more.—Chicago News.

Genius unexercised is no more genius than a bushel of acorns is a forest of oaks.

DE SOTO COUNTY THE STATE FAIR

SOME TIMELY REMARKS BY COMMISSIONER BURTON OF ARCADIA.

The State fair which is to be held at Lake City on November 11, 12, 13 and 14, is near at hand and our commissioners having decided that DeSoto county should be represented thereat, and having appointed a commissioner to look after and superintend the exhibit which the county shall make upon that occasion, it behooves every citizen of the county to lend a helping hand towards making a success of this undertaking.

Our county is one whose interests and industries are being rapidly developed, and whose enterprising spirit and agricultural and financial importance are being realized and considered by the citizens of the State of Florida more than those of any other county within its limits. In natural wealth DeSoto county is rich and needs but enterprising citizens to develop her resources. There is no better method of showing her resources than that offered by the State fair, at which citizens from every county of our own state as well as every state in the union, are brought face to face with the fact that many advantages and opportunities are offered for successful occupations.

That such an idea may be presented, however, it will become necessary to exhibit in a proper and fitting manner the different resources, enterprises and industries which so abundantly abound in our midst. Such an undertaking cannot be successful without the full co-operation of the citizens with the commissioner appointed to exhibit these things. It is therefore urged upon all to lend in every manner possible their aid and whatever else they may have to the assistance of this interest; and if it is not possible to make an individual contribution, by encouraging words and suggestions to induce others who are more fortunate to offer whatever they may have which would increase and make more pleasing the exhibit which shall go up from our county.

All who have anything which has been raised or manufactured within the limits of the county which would add to the interest, attractiveness or beauty of such an exhibit are requested to correspond with the duly appointed commissioner in reference thereto, and further are asked to lend all assistance to him in his duties. Such efforts will not lack appreciation, and such assistance will surely redound to the interest of the county and to the interest of its individual citizens.

Character in Nicknames.

When Austria was only a dukedom, there were three rulers who won for themselves the respective titles "Catholic," "Glorious" and "Warlike." The first was perhaps a religious man, like Ferdinand the Catholic of Spain. The second may have been like Lorenzo the Magnificent and the third a great warrior. And so from these titles or nicknames we have likewise some idea of the conditions of the people while these dukes ruled.

France has had a most wonderful assortment of kings. One was the Little and another the Bold. One was the Stammerer, another Simple, while a third and fourth were Indolent and Fair. These names are descriptive of the kings themselves, but it is hardly to be supposed that a king who was indolent or simple did much to further the interests of his subjects. But when we find Robert II. called the Sage, we realize that he ruled wisely and that the people were better off for it.

An Artist's Lament.
Otto Lasius in his diary describes a walk he took one day with Becklin, the famous artist, near Zurich. Becklin was in raptures over the colors of the autumn leaves, the blue sky, the clouds. "Ah, those are colors!" he exclaimed. "If we could have those on our palette! How weak are our means in comparison with those of nature! White is our best light, and only by means of clever contrasts can we secure effects approximating the natural ones."

The Art of Working in Gold.
The Romans copied the Greek and Etruscan goldsmiths' work, though they also often used the ornaments themselves taken from the ancient tombs. Much of the art of the ancients in working gold was lost until early in the nineteenth century, when Signor Castellani found some of the Etruscan methods still being employed by workmen in a village in a remote corner of the Apennines.—London Times.

No Call For Lethargy.

"What, you back to work, Pete? When I saw you fall off the building yesterday, I never expected to see you work again."

"I fought dat too, boss, but mah wife done let mah accident insurance explain last week."—Indianapolis News.

Why Freddie Scowled.
Guest—Why do you scowl at me so, Freddie?
Freddie—Cause you have eat all the cake and haven't married either of my sisters yet.—Lippincott's.

A Perfect Butler.
Mrs. Glitledge—How do you like the new butler?
Glitledge—He's a peach! Made me feel at home at once.—Life.

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION.

The Registration books of the town of Punta Gorda, Florida, will be open at the Council Chamber on the 4th day of Nov., 1902, for the purpose of registering voters for the ensuing municipal election, from 9 o'clock a. m. until 12 and from 1 o'clock until 4 o'clock, p. m., and will remain open for ten days, Sunday excepted, and will close on the 15th of Nov., 1902, at 4 P. M.
W. B. HARDER, Town Clerk.

A HARROWING RIDE.

Dickens' Trip by stagecoach From Cleveland to Sandusky.

When Charles Dickens visited America in 1842, he traveled by stagecoach from Cleveland to Sandusky, O. Describing his experience, he wrote:

"At one time we were all thrown together in a heap at the bottom of the coach, and at another we were crushing our heads against the roof. Now the coach was lying on the tails of the two wheelers, and now it was rearing up in the air. The driver, who certainly got over the ground in a manner quite miraculous, so twisted and turned the team in forcing a passage cork-screw fashion through the bog and swamps that it was a common circumstance on looking out of the window to see the coachman with the ends of a pair of reins in his hands, apparently driving nothing, and the leaders starting unexpectedly at one from the back of the coach, as if they had some idea of getting up behind."

"A great portion of the way was over what is called a 'corduroy road,' which is made by throwing trunks of trees into a marsh and leaving them to settle there. The very slightest of the jolts with which the ponderous carriage fell from log to log was enough, it seemed, to dislocate all the bones in the human body. It would be impossible to experience a similar set of sensations in any other circumstances unless perhaps in attempting to go up to the top of St. Paul's in an omnibus."

This description serves to illustrate the condition of our country roads, generally speaking, as they were half a century ago except in a few wealthy communities. There has been a wonderful change since then.

Peking Village Names.

"The Street of the Roasted Corn" is one of the curious names of streets in Peking and suggests the singular and often confusing names given to Chinese villages. Here are a few village names taken from an area of a few miles square: "Horse Words Village," from a tradition of a speaking animal; "Sun Family Bull Village," "Wang Family Great Melon Village," "Tiger Catching Village," "Horse Without a Hoof Village," "Village of the Loving and Benevolent Magistrate" and the "Village of the Makers of Fine Footed Combs."

Arthur H. Smith in his book on "Village Life in China" says that a market town on the highway, the well of which afforded only brackish water, was called "Bitter Water Shop," but as this name was not pleasing to the ear it was changed on the tax lists to "Sweet Water Shop." If any one asked how it was that the same fountain could thus send forth at the same time waters both bitter and sweet, he was answered, "Sweet Water Shop is the same as Bitter Water Shop."

Speak Kindly Words Now.

In the course of our lives there must be many times when thoughtless words are spoken by us which wound the hearts of others, and there are also many little occasions when the word of cheer is needed from us and we are silent.

There are lives of wearisome monotony which a word of kindness can relieve. There is suffering which words of sympathy can make more endurable, and often even to the midst of wealth and luxury there are those who listen and long in vain for some expression of disinterested kindness.

Speak to those while they can hear and be helped by you, for the day may come when all our expressions of love and appreciation may be unheard. Imagine yourself standing beside their last resting place. Think of the things you could have said of them and to them while they were yet living. Then go and tell them now.—Exchange.

Fatalistic Deaths.

Probably the least painful death is by means of an overdose of chloroform. You begin with a pleasant sensation and end in oblivion. Prussic acid acts instantaneously. Presuming the agony of anticipation avoided, some violent deaths are quite painless, as they give no time for feeling pain. Such as being blown to pieces by dynamite or by a shell. Drowning is said to be a luxury, and experts have recommended opening a vein in a hot bath. Laudanum and other narcotics would run chloroform and ether hard for first place.

The Daring Little Humming Bird.

Courage has little or no relation to bodily size. The humming bird is the smallest of birds, but also one of the most fearless and pugnacious. He attacks kingbirds and hawks, and those tyrannical creatures, though of monstrous size in comparison, seem not at all abashed to fly from his onsets. The fights of humming birds among themselves are often fierce and protracted.

Recounted.

There is a reminiscence of Caleb Bardonstone in the utterance of an economical Scotch butler who was lately waiting at an important dinner. He had taken round a plate of beef to the main. After his last effort at persuasion had failed he set it down in front of his master with decision. "Ye man, tak' that yerse!" he said. "I canna' get any other customer for it."

Both Were There.

Miss Millyum—One can be very happy in this world with health and money.
Deadbroke—Then let's be made one. I have the health and you have the money.—Illustrated Bits.